

13th Annual



Loveland, CO
Jan 13-15, 2017

Presented by:



2017 Show Committee:

Hitch Committee Members:

Jack Taylor
Dennis Kuehl
Abby Powell
Raedene Messenger
Brian Coleman
Additional Members TBA

Judge: Ryan Black

Announcer: Lisa Banga Graham

Arena Director: Tom Walsh

Show Secretary: The Ranch/ Kristen Grave

SHOW ENTRY GUIDELINES:

There **must** be a separate entry form for each owner.

For this show all horses must be Percheron, Belgian, Shire or Clydesdale breeding.

There shall be one check made payable to "The Ranch", made payable in US funds only!

Credit Card payment is available by phone- Visa or MasterCard- Abby @ 970-619-4003

Any questions may be directed to:
Abby Powell @ The Ranch- (970) 619-4003

Entries are due and must be postmarked prior to Nov 1, 2016 for a Six Horse Hitch to qualify for travel money.

Entries not bringing a full six must be postmarked prior to Dec. 1, 2016

A LIMIT of 14 Six Horse Hitch Entries will be taken. Big Thunder accepts entries in the following order:

- Hitches that have shown at the previous Big Thunder Draft Horse Show (2016) are honored to return under following requirements:
 - Entry is under same hitch name (owner or company)
 - Entry is postmarked or fax/emailed and paid in full by entry deadline.
- Hitches that have NOT shown at Big Thunder in 2016 will then be taken in order of postmark or fax/email date.
- Entry confirmation will be given shortly after the entry deadline.
- Hitches entries are expected to fill, so get yours in early!
- Will accept as many entries as possible that are not qualifying for travel money or a full six horse hitch, however the entry deadline does still apply! (*as stalling room and budget allow*)
- A late fee will apply to an entry that is past the entry deadline if there is still room below our limit. Fee TBD by show committee.

Entries are accepted in the following forms:

- by fax or email with a credit card over the phone.
Fax: 970-619-4001 or email apowell@larimer.org
- by mail: Big Thunder Draft Horse Show
c/o Abby Powell
5280 Arena Circle
Loveland, CO 80537

Host Hotel:

Official Host Hotel and Local Area Hotel information will be sent with confirmation packets.

RV Electric Only Hook-Ups are Available on Grounds:

20 Amp Plug \$15/night

30 or 50 Amp Plug \$20/night

Stall Bedding

Please order your initial pre-bedding of stalls on your stalling and entry form through The Ranch. (this ensures bedding to be present when you first arrive– no matter what time it is)

Additional bedding and feed can be ordered through Ranch-Way Feeds Store– a show sponsor and local provider of feeds, bedding, etc.

A price list for additional feed products will be sent with confirmation packets.

**PLEASE READ ALL RULES CAREFULLY
BEFORE
MAKING ENTRIES:**

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

STATEMENT OF LIABILITY: All exhibitors in the Big Thunder Draft Horse Hitch Show will be under the control and direction of the show management, however the Big Thunder Draft Horse Hitch Show will in no case be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to horses exhibited, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost, stolen, destroyed or in any way injured. Every individual, either personally or through their partner, or guardian, who participates in the Big Thunder Draft Horse Hitch Show, to any extent whatsoever, does thereby consent, for all purposes, that venue and jurisdiction shall lie in Larimer County, Colorado. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article owned or exhibited by him or her, and shall indemnify the Big Thunder Draft Horse Hitch Show against all legal or other proceedings, claims, or demands of any kind or nature, in regard thereto, or that may arise from the negligence of the person in charge or any such animal or article.

SHOW COMMITTEE:

The Show Committee and The Ranch reserve the right to change or modify any rules, regulations, class order or premiums in the best interest of the show at any point in time.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: Unsportsmanlike conduct by any exhibitor, trainer, or owner will not be tolerated and any violator will be excused from the arena. Inhumane treatment of the animal in the show arena, warm-up area, stall, runway, or anywhere on the grounds of The Ranch and Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex, or cruelty to or abuse of an animal by any person, is forbidden and renders the offender subject to penalty. The Show Management may bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the Show.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

A. Out of State Origin

1. A Health Certificate is required and must be turned into the Stalling Office at time of arrival and must be dated no more than 30 days from time of arrival. Horses entering a show will be subject to examination by the State Veterinarian's office upon entry or during said show. Any animal found showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases may be immediately withdrawn from the show and held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until properly released in order to return to owner's premises following treatment.

2. Negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (AGID or Elisa) required and must be turned into Stalling Office at time of stall assignment and must be dated no more than one (1) year prior to date of arrival.

B. Colorado Origin

1. Health Certificate is required and must be turned into Stalling Office at time of arrival and must be dated no more than 30 days prior to date of arrival. Horses entering a show will be subject to examination by the State Veterinarian's office upon entry or during said show. Any animal found showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases may be immediately withdrawn from the show and held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until properly released in order to return to owner's premises following treatment.

2. No test required for Equine Infectious Anemia (AGID or Elisa)

ENTRY FEES AND RULES:

An office charge of \$20.00 will be charged. All group/ hitch/ teams will be issued **one** number.

-OFFICE CHARGE:	\$20.00
-PERFORMANCE CLASSES (per entry)	\$10.00
-FARM TEAM LOG SKID (preliminary & final)	\$20.00
-FARM FEED TEAM	\$15.00
-HORSE STALLS (for 4 days of show)	\$50.00
-TACK STALLS (for 4 days of show)	\$40.00
-EARLY ARRIVAL STALLS: HORSES or TACK (per stall/night)	\$10.00
-TWO NIGHTS BETWEEN BTDH AND NWSS (per stall)	\$25.00
-EXHIBITOR BADGES** (** 6 included free with hitch, 2 with individual entry)	\$10.00

The committee of the BTDHS encourages appropriate dress for climate and weather conditions for handlers and drivers in the ring.

For all non-farm team classes– Patent Show Harness, a fifth wheel hitch show wagon, mane rolls and braided tails are required.

**EXTRA EXHIBITOR BADGES are sold at the show and are limited in quantity. The Show committee reserves the right to limit the number sold per entry.

Thursday Exhibitor Appreciation meal tickets are provided in entries (6/ hitch, 4/Four Horse Hitch, 2 per cart or team entry), additional are available for sale in office in a limited quantity.

Farm Team Only entries do not pay the office fee.

Entries are also accepted by fax or email with a credit card over the phone.

Fax: 970-619-4001 or email apowell@larimer.org

STALL REQUIREMENTS

1. ALL HORSES MUST ARRIVE AND DEPART WITHIN JANUARY 2 thru 18th. Thank you for your cooperation!

-Arrival and Departure dates and times must be stated on your stalling form, (early arrival Jan 2)

-Request for adjoining stalls from different owners must be stated on each owner's entry form.

2. Stall requests will not be accepted without an entry form and proper fees.

-Every horse is required to have a stall.

-Stalls will be assigned for each entry.

-No changes will be permitted without prior consent.

-Stalls are 10'x10' box stalls with hinged doors and solid rubber matting.

3. Horses must be under the supervision and care of their owners.

-Please keep all stalls and aisles clean and neat.

-Please dump manure in the designated area outside.

4. Management requests that stall area be decorated.

-It is prohibited to block or partially block any aisle with Decorations.

FEED AND BEDDING

1. Feed and bedding will be available on grounds through THE RANCH and RANCH-WAY FEEDS.

2. Exhibitors may bring their own bedding, hay and grain.

3. If pre-ordering items through Ranch-Way Feeds, the order form will come in your confirmation packet.

PARKING

1. Exhibitor Only parking lot is located adjacent to stalling area with Exhibitor Parking Permit required.

- (Weather permitting this will allow hitches to use outside areas and turn around during performances)

Show Schedule:

Management reserves the right to cancel or combine classes and revise schedules at its discretion.

Friday Evening:

Pre-Show- 5:30pm:

Men's Cart-*Group B*
Ladies Team- *Group A*

Paid Performance-

6:30pm:

Ladies Cart- *Group B*
Entertainment- TBA
Team Class-*Group A*
Entertainment- TBA
Unicorn Hitch-*Group B*
Work Arena- break
Four Horse Hitch- *Group A*
Kids Stick Horse Race
Six Horse Hitch-*Group B*

Sunday Morning:

Farm Teams- 9am:

Feed Team Competition
Log Skid Preliminaries
(finals will be during afternoon pre-show)

Saturday Afternoon:

Pre-Show- 1pm:

Men's Cart-*Group A*
Ladies Team- *Group B*

Paid Performance- 2pm:

Ladies Cart- *Group A*
Entertainment- TBA
Team Class-*Group B*
Entertainment- TBA
Unicorn Hitch-*Group A*
Work Arena- break
Four Horse Hitch- *Group B*
Kids Stick Horse Race
Six Horse Hitch-*Group A*

Sunday Afternoon:

Pre-Show- 1pm:

Log Skid Finals
Cart Classic Series

Paid Performance 2pm:

Amateur Cart
Kids Stick Horse Race
North American Classic
Six
Working Horse Team
Class
Work Arena-break
Entertainment- TBA
Eight Horse Hitch

Schedule Notes:

**Group Determination will be set upon the close of entries by drawing. You will find out which Group you will be in with your exhibitors packet in the Mail following the close of entries.*

Thursday 6pm- Exhibitor appreciation dinner and sponsor/host match

Friday Afternoon- Driver's Meeting in stands of Indoor Arena- 3:00pm

Group A- 1/2 of the hitches **Group B-** 1/2 of the hitches

Friday's Schedule is as follows:

Pre-Show at **5:30pm**, Show at **6:30pm**

Group A*:

Ladies Team- Pre Show
Team
Four Horse Hitch

Group B*:

Men's Cart- Pre Show
Ladies Cart
Unicorn Hitch
Six Horse Hitch

Saturday's Schedule is as follows:

Pre-Show **1pm**, Show at **2pm**

Group A*:

Men's Cart- Pre Show
Ladies Cart
Unicorn Hitch
Six Horse Hitch

Group B*:

Ladies Team- Pre-Show
Team
Four Horse Hitch

Sunday- There will be no group division, pre-show class at **1pm**, show begins at **2pm**

High Point Award is Given to the hitch with the highest average in all classes including the 8 Horse Hitch.

Awards are given for "**Best Shod**", "**Best Man Driver**" and "**Best Lady Driver**"- determined by the Judge.

A "**People's Choice Award**" will be chosen during the show each day by the crowd. The voting deadline will be in the next to last class, and the award given during the last class of the day.

RULES TO QUALIFY FOR PURSE/TRAVEL

The Big Thunder Show is limited to the first 14 hitches entered by date of entry for the guaranteed \$2000.00. The show committee will review all other entries for an invitation to participate based on the availability of stalls and budget.

Qualifying rules for the \$2000 Purse/travel money are as follows:

1. You must drive the six horse hitch class with your group.

2. We encourage you to enter all nine of these classes, but you must drive six of the nine following classes.

Mens Cart	Team	Unicorn
Ladies Cart	Ladies Team	Four
Cart Classic Series	Six Horse	Eight Horse

The above mentioned classes will have an added purse of \$50-1st place, \$35-2nd place, \$25-3rd place (other than the Eight)

3. Failure to drive six of the above mentioned classes (including the six) will require a 'vet out' and a reduction in the purse/travel money as follows:

If you drive 5 of the classes you will receive \$1250

If you drive 4 of the classes you will receive \$750

If you drive 3 or less you will receive no money.

In addition to driving purse/travel classes, you may also enter:

Amateur Cart Class - \$200 purse - Driver cannot have driven any other class at the 2017 Big Thunder Show. (class does not qualify for the travel money)

North American Classic Six Horse Hitch Drive - \$2500 purse - (Class does not qualify for travel money)

Eight Horse Hitch Drive - \$2000 purse

Working Horse Team Class- \$400 purse- working team on the rail, must be driving a 4 wheeled vehicle. No farm implements allowed.

Not Bringing A Six Horse Hitch?

Individual Entries are Welcome and Appreciated at our show: All classes are open for entry including: *These classes you will be assigned a group with all entries*

Cart Classes

Team Classes

Cart Classic Series

Unicorn

Four Horse

Additional options include classes on Sunday:

Amateur Cart Class - \$200 purse - Driver cannot have driven any other class at the 2017 Big Thunder Show

Working Horse Team Class- \$400 purse- working team on the rail, must be driving a 4 wheeled vehicle. No farm implements allowed.

Feed Team Race- \$200 purse

Log Skid Competition- \$200 purse

CART CLASSIC SERIES

The Big Thunder Show has chosen to add in the Cart Classic Series class that is part of the Cart Classic Series (similar to the North American Classic Series Six Horse Hitch)

1- The Cart Classic Series Class will have a total prize money of \$1,000.00 split on a scale between Top Ten Placings (or number of entries if less than 10)

2- Exhibitors who enter in the cart series class *MUST be a Classic Cart Series Member* and must show proof of their cart series membership with their entries. *(copy of your membership)*